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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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### NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Toxic and Chemical Substances Bureau Environmental Protection Administration No.1, Aly. 35, Ln. 132, Sec. 2, Da'an Rd. Da'an Dist., Taipei City 10667, Taiwan TEL:+886-2-2325-7399 FAX:+886-2-2325-3823 Email: <a href="mailto:yssu@epa.gov.tw">yssu@epa.gov.tw</a> <b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ X ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Toxic chemical substances
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> General Explanation of Draft Version of Paragraph 15 and Paragraph 1 Table 1 and Paragraph 4 Table 4 of the Guidelines on Regulated Toxic Chemical Substances and the Management of Their Handling (3 page(s), in English; 3 page(s), in Chinese)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Toxic Chemical Substances Control Act was revised and promulgated on 11 December 2013. In accordance with Article 7 of this Act, the central competent authority shall officially announce toxic chemical substances as Class 1, Class 2, Class 3 or Class 4 toxic chemical substances when the toxicological characteristics of chemical substances conform to the toxic chemical substance classification definitions prescribed in Article 3 of this Act. Furthermore, according to Article 11, Paragraph 1 of the Toxic Chemical Substances Control Act, unless other regulations apply, the handling of toxic chemical substances shall be conducted in compliance with methods announced or approved by the central competent authority, which may also authorize the announcement of toxic chemical substance control concentration standards and large-scale handling standards in accordance with management needs.  In view of the recent occurrence of food safety incidences and the introduction of illegal chemical substances into the food supply that affect people's health, this announcement has added regulations for strengthened controls for the eight major handling activities of manufacturing, importing, exporting, selling, transporting, using, storing, and disposing and for strengthening the package labeling for 13 types of toxic chemical substances, including malachite green, that present food safety risks, for which there is concern of

	endangerment to human health, and that are Class 4 toxic chemical substances as announced pursuant to the Toxic Chemical Substances Control Act. Furthermore, the Chinese substance name for chromium carbonyl has been changed and the control standard has been amended to chromium concentration 1% or more.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> To strengthen management of chemical substances and avoid illegal chemical substances into the food supply; Consumer information, labelling; Protection of human health or safety; Protection of the environment.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Relevant documents:</b> Article 7 and Article 11, Paragraph 1 of the Toxic Chemical Substances Control Act
<b>9.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 1 August 2017 <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 1 January 2018
<b>10.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 14 August 2017
<b>11.</b>	<b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b>  TPKM-WTO/TBT Enquiry Point The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection Ministry of Economic Affairs 4, Jinan Road, Section 1 Taipei City 100, Taiwan Tel.: (886-2) 2343-1813 Fax: (886-2) 2343-1804 E-mail: <a href="mailto:tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw">tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw</a>  <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/TPKM/17_3217_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/TPKM/17_3217_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/TPKM/17_3217_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/TPKM/17_3217_00_x.pdf</a>